
COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

CATHETER AND GUIDE WIRE EXCHANGE SYSTEM WITH IMPROVED PROXIMAL SHAFT
AND TRANSITION SECTION

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification is attached hereto.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
(35 U.S.C. § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER

60/479,694

FILING DATE

June 19, 2003

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

APPOINTED PRACTITIONER(S)

Catherine C. Maresch

Michael J. Jaro

Janis J. Biksa

James F. Crittenden

REGISTRATION NUMBER(S)

35,268

34,472

33,648

39,560

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

Medtronic AVE, Inc
IP Legal Dept.
3576 Unocal Place
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Customer No. 28390

DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:

Catherine C. Maresch
(707) 543-0221

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

Richard Gibbons

Inventor's signature Richard Gibbons

Date 28/8/03

Country of Citizenship Ireland

Residence 35 Caislean Oir, Athenry, Galway, Ireland

Post Office Address

John MacNamara

Inventor's signature John Mac Namara

Date 28/8/03

Country of Citizenship Ireland

Residence 113 Dun Na Carraige, Blackrock, Salthill, Galway, Ireland

Post Office Address

Niall Duffy

Inventor's signature Niall Duffy

Date 28/8/03

Country of Citizenship Ireland

Residence Brooklodge, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Galway, Ireland

Post Office Address

Ashish Varma

Inventor's signature Ashish Varma

Date 28-8-03

Country of Citizenship Ireland

Residence Doorus, Kinvara, Galway, Ireland

Post Office Address

Gerry Clarke

Inventor's signature Gerry Clarke

Date 18-9-03

Country of Citizenship Ireland

Residence Gortachalla, Moycullen, Galway, Ireland

Post Office Address

Mark Casley
Inventor's signature Mark Casley
Date 28/08/03 Country of Citizenship Ireland
Residence "Langrenus", Taylors Hill, Galway, Ireland
Post Office Address

Noel Coyle
Inventor's signature Noel Coyle
Date 28/8/03 Country of Citizenship Ireland
Residence Ballygarraff, Craughwell, Galway, Ireland
Post Office Address

David Quinn
Inventor's signature David Quinn
Date 28/8/03 Country of Citizenship Ireland
Residence 26 Clybaun Heights, Salthill, Galway, Ireland
Post Office Address

Kevin Boyle
Inventor's signature Kevin Boyle
Date 28/8/03 Country of Citizenship Ireland
Residence 7 Pinewood Grove, Renmore, Galway, Ireland
Post Office Address

Kevin Treacy
Inventor's signature Kevin Treacy
Date 28/8/03 Country of Citizenship Ireland
Residence Castleturvin, Athenry, Galway, Ireland
Post Office Address

Patrick Duane
Inventor's signature Patrick Duane
Date 28/8/03 Country of Citizenship Ireland
Residence 17 Carraig Ard, Fort Lorenzo, Taylors Hill, Galway, Ireland
Post Office Address

Rodney Bell

Inventor's signature R. Bell

Date 29/8/03

Country of Citizenship Ireland

Residence 190 Tur uisce, Doughiska, Ballybrit, Galway

Post Office Address
